

If McKinley is anxious to keep the Cuban delegates from General Garcia's fate.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT FAVORS PARK FOR UNION STATION.

Disinterested Citizens Advance Many Reasons for Changing Present Conditions and Beautifying the Surroundings.

Action by the Board of Public Improvements on the petition filed with the body for the establishment of a small park opposite Union Station, taking up the ground between Eighteenth and Twentieth streets and Market and Chestnut streets, is awaited with interest by the 200 representative business men who signed it.

Leslie A. Moffett, of the real estate firm of Moffett & Francis, prepared the petition and presented it to President Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements after procuring signatures of men who he knew had no interest in the property involved, nor in property located near the proposed park. He states that he could have secured a thousand additional signatures had he deemed it necessary.

Prominent business men declare that the proposition to establish a park opposite Union Station meets their approval.

As yet the promoters have not decided what action they will take to secure funds for purchasing property. Popular subscription, it is believed, would furnish considerable of the funds, and the railway companies, it is thought, could be induced to contribute.

One of the city's prominent real estate dealers stated Friday that he would roughly estimate the cost of such an undertaking at \$500,000. He said that the present financial condition of the city would not permit of St. Louis paying such an amount and that the aid of public-spirited citizens who desire to afford a pleasant impression on the city to visitors who will come during the World's Fair would be necessary to defray the expense.

E. C. SIMMONS.

E. C. Simmons, president of the Simmons Hardware Company, is one of the signers of the petition. He said:

"I signed the petition because I think a park the proper thing. My idea is to have grass, park benches, flowers, trees and a fountain. What a difference such a scene would present to the eyes of strangers who arrive at Union Station, as compared to the present. It will afford a beautiful spot for tired travelers who are not intending to stop in the city, but who are compelled to lay over several hours to wait for trains."

"I am interested in the matter only as a citizen, and have no property in the neighborhood that would be made more valuable. Neither has the Simmons Hardware Com-

HAS MISS McCOMB ALREADY MARRIED?

Heiress Says That She Has Not Denied the Story, Nor Will She Now Affirm It—Louis Herzog, the Intended, Is Near at Hand.



When her father, James J. McComb, an eccentric millionaire, died recently, he left a peculiar will. It provided that, in case his daughter married Louis Herzog, a Philadelphia artist, she was to receive \$150,000 a year, and that at her death \$500,000 was to be divided among her children. The father's object at first was misunderstood by all save those immediately concerned. He really proposed to prevent the marriage, as by refusing to wed Mr. Herzog the daughter would come into a much larger sum of money, her father having left \$15,000,000.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 26.—"If a statement that I have denied anything has been made, I know nothing about it. I am not ready to give any answer yet. I would be very thankful if people would leave me alone."

This was the exact message Miss Fannie McComb sent downstairs when she was asked by a reporter whether she had denied the story of her marriage to Louis Herzog. She was sitting with her sister, Mrs. Davies Cox, with whom she has been almost constantly since her father's death, two weeks ago.

Mrs. Cox, who is probably the only one besides Miss McComb and her mother who knows whether the \$150,000 is to be forfeited or not, says she can say nothing till her sister is ready.

What the Girls Think.

The story was current in Dobbs Ferry Thursday among the girls in Miss Master's school, whose grounds adjoin Esthewood, that Miss McComb meant to remain at home for two years, during which time the \$150,000 and the \$500,000 income given her in her father's will would flow steadily in and that her marriage would then take place, the income, except \$15,000, being consequently forfeited after that.

ARKANSAS AND WISCONSIN VOTE FAIR APPROPRIATIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 26.—The Legislature Friday passed the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the Wisconsin exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., April 26.—The Senate Friday passed the Louisiana Purchase Exposition appropriation bill, with the \$25,000 amendment adopted by the House.

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS MAN IN EASTMAN CASE.

Stranger Told Karl A. Lundin, Jr., to Mark the Place Where He Found the Revolvers.



X—Where Grogan fell. 1—Observatory against which target was placed. 2—Double house where the Eastman and Grogan families lived. 3—Shops where famous knes were made.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cambridge, Mass., April 26.—Another mysterious person was introduced in the Eastman murder trial Friday—a strange man, who told young Karl A. Lundin, Jr., an employee of the Clarke lens factory, that he had better mark the places in the henyard where he had found the revolvers.

Mrs. Charles R. Eastman was the only one of the Clarke sisters present. During the recess she talked with him, and at other times established a system of note communication, in which the court officials gallantly assisted.

The two most important witnesses were Thomas P. Rowe, a Cambridge policeman, upon whose beat is located the Clarke estate, and Karl A. Lundin, Jr.

Lundin's Testimony.

Some of the things to which Lundin testified will probably furnish a basis for the Government's contention that Mr. Eastman was envious of Mr. Grogan. He said that Mr. Eastman had on several occasions spoken to him about getting possession of the Clarke property. He had even gone so far, it was testified, as to suggest to Lundin that the latter influence his father, who was the superintendent of the factory, to tell the executives that Mr. Eastman was disgusted with the way they were running the business. The object of this was to induce the executives to sell the property. Mr. Eastman, the witness said, planned to buy it.

The witness said Mr. Eastman, in speaking of Mr. Grogan, characterized him as

"the son of a stableman," and apparently resented his coming into possession or management of the lens business.

Mysterious Stranger.

Lundin created a sensation by saying that his action in marking the places where the revolvers were lying was not of his own motion, but on the suggestion of some stranger. This man he saw coming out of the house shortly after the shooting. He wore a blue waistcoat and a pair of blue trousers. Lundin does not know who he is nor did he ever see him before.

On the other hand the witness testified to something which will undoubtedly be seized upon by the defense when the time for argument comes. One of these things was that Mr. Eastman on the day before the shooting invited Lundin to come over on the following day and engage in target practice. At the same time Grogan invited Lundin's father to come. The defense will probably make a point of this as showing that it was unlikely that Eastman was then meditating murder.

Thomas P. Rowe, a policeman, testified in regard to a statement by Mr. Eastman after the shooting in which the latter described the affair. Mr. Eastman, the witness said, explained that when he tried to take out the cylinder, his revolver exploded. "about the same time it exploded Mr. Grogan's pistol went off." Mr. Eastman then, according to the witness, explained that Mr. Grogan went in a threatening manner toward Mr. Eastman, who seized the muzzle of the revolver which Mr. Grogan had in his hand.

READY TO STOP ALL BUSINESS ON SUNDAY

If Mrs. Nation's Kansas City, Mo., Supporters Want Laws Enforced It May Be Done.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kansas City, Mo., April 26.—Kansas City has gone wild over the Carrie Nation crusade. The place is up in arms to have Sunday saloons closed.

Mrs. Nation addressed a letter to a mass meeting held Thursday night, in which she urged women to cowhide police and "smash everything smashable" about saloons, and to "give that prosecuting attorney a good thrashing for he deserves it." Mrs. Nation explained she could not attend the meeting because of her imprisonment. The meeting went over the letter from her and cleared decks for action.

Word was sent to the Police Commissioners that they must shut up the saloons on Sundays. Side doors have heretofore been open.

When Police Commissioner Gregory, the strongest man on the board, a wholesale grocer of high standing in the commercial world, heard of the defiance he issued a manifesto:

Will Close Up Everything.

"This is all politics," said Police Commissioner Gregory. "They are seeking to get the Governor in it, but I declare here and now, if there is a wrong done, it must rest on my shoulders, and not be charged up to the Governor. But they want the Sunday closing law enforced. Let them tell me so and I will enforce it. I will put every day policeman and every night policeman on duty, and I will close up tight, and airtight, every saloon, grocery, drug store, power-house, street car system and every freight train that does not interfere with the mails."

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REACHED AGREEMENT ABOUT BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS.

Local Management of the World's Fair Will Not Have Occasion to Approve Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission's Selections—Mrs. James L. Blair Is Indorsed for President.

It is now believed that the local management of the World's Fair will not have occasion to exercise its power of approval after the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission has organized the Board of Lady Managers. The two governing bodies have practically agreed to come to an understanding in regard to the personnel of the board before any appointments have been made.

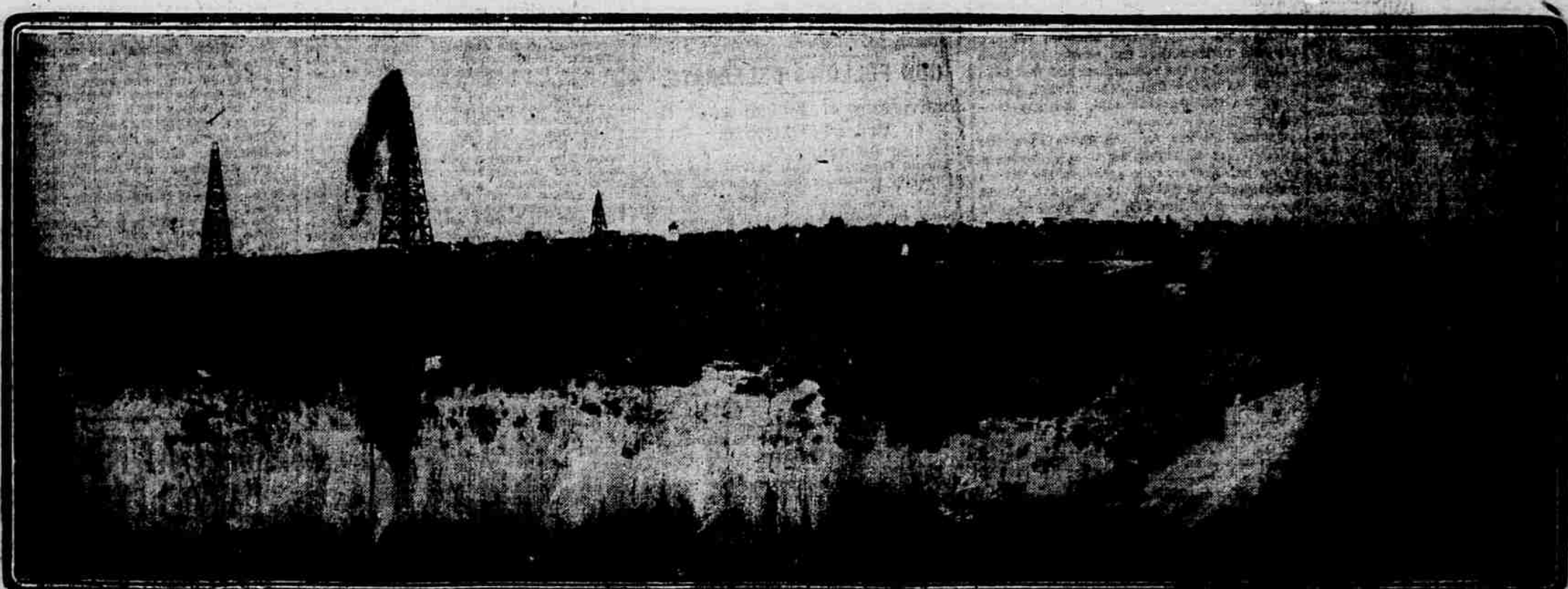
Several months ago, when a Board of Lady Managers for the Fair was proposed, the women's clubs and organizations were divided upon the matter. Many of the clubs held that women should be equal to the sterner sex in the World's Fair business, and should have representation in the Board of Directors. They held that woman would, in a measure, be relegated to a back seat if placed in a single department.

This view was maintained by the Federation of Women's Clubs which met at Kansas City in December. The federation even went so far as to place a candidate for the Board of Directors in the field. Many of the delegates were in favor of taking no part in the enterprise if a special woman's department was created.

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OPENING THE HIGGINS GUSHER AT BEAUMONT. A LAKE OF OIL IN THE FOREGROUND.



STANDARD OIL COMPANY SAID TO HAVE CONTROL of Port Arthur Wharfage and Bought 90,000 Acres Adjoining

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Beaumont, Tex., April 26.—A notice has been posted in the local Oil Exchange stating that it was seriously rumored that the Standard Oil Company has purchased all the wharfage at Port Arthur, and 90,000 acres adjoining. The rumor has not yet been verified, but much interest is centering in the report.

Port Arthur is the nearest deep-water port to the Beaumont oil field, and by controlling this outlet the Standard Oil Company can control every barrel of oil taken from the Beaumont fields. The railroads cannot compete in freight rates with pipe lines and ship via Port Arthur to New Orleans and Galveston. Thus, owning Port Arthur, the Standard Oil Company will con-

trol even the domestic trade in crude oil. The highest wave has its crest, but the wave of excitement in this busy, throbbing, nervous little city has not yet reached its zenith.

It has been agreed many times recently among the wise ones that the climax of speculation and excitement had reached its highest point, but the succeeding day would see the crowds increase, the nervousness grow greater and property values climb higher.

The conduct of business here has been necessarily of rather a crude form. In many instances a man's word, without any agreement in writing, has sufficed to close a deal involving many thousands of dollars. Of course, papers will be transferred later, but

in many instances a piece of land has changed hands five or six times before a deed was called for from the original owner.

While a few months ago the organization of a \$5,000,000 oil company would have been an event talked of far and wide, the promulgation of such large concerns is of such frequency that it calls for little comment, in fact, it is reasonably certain that a \$50,000,000 company will be in the field before another month is gone.

Important Company Forming.

However, of all the big companies none will go as far towards building up the town as a company that is now being organized, having for its object the development of Beaumont. The information given out by perhaps the wealthiest man

in this town of wealthy men that such a company would be ready for business in a few days, and would immediately begin the erection of a number of large business houses and office buildings.

Just now buildings are most needed here. Restaurants in tents are feeding hundreds of people, and many real estate men are erecting tents for headquarters. Lawyers are also looking about for tents for temporary quarters.

Dentists' offices, doctors' offices, barber shops, printing offices, in fact, every available nook contains the desk of some real estate dealer, oil company or other enterprise. The crowd was estimated to have been larger Friday than on any preceding

day, and it will be increased again Saturday.

WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Angelo, Tex., April 26.—The Mayo Beaumont Oil Company has been organized here of local capitalists with \$250,000 capital. A project is also on foot to prospect for oil in this territory, drillers for water having encountered oil in a number of cases.

OKLAHOMA MEN WITH PROSPECTORS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Guthrie, Ok., April 26.—A territorial charter was issued Friday to the Oklahoma Oil Prospecting and Developing Company of Oklahoma City, which proposes to prospect for oil and develop coal lands and other mineral lands to bore for and develop gas and oil lands. The capital stock is fixed at \$250,000.

Leading Topics in To-Day's Republic.

- For Missouri—Partly cloudy Saturday; probably showers and cooler in northwestern portion. Sunday showers and much colder; brisk southerly winds, shifting to high northwesterly by Sunday morning.
- For Illinois—Partly cloudy Saturday; in northwestern portion. Sunday partly cloudy; probably showers and cooler; increasing east to south winds, probably shifting to high northwesterly by Sunday.
- For Arkansas—Partly cloudy Saturday; Sunday showers and much cooler, with high northwesterly winds.
- Union Station Park. Board of Lady Managers.
- Illinois Legislature. Preacher Attacks Club Girls. Victim of His Own Plot.
- Wood With Fruit and Vegetables. Divorce Decree Was Not Genuine. Bridgroom and Hotel Bill.
- Will Delay Payment of April Salaries. Express Car Robbed. Hanging Attended by Accident.
- Launch for the Business Girls. Some Things for Spring. Letter Writing a Lost Art.
- General Sporting News and Gossip.
- News From the East Side Cities.
- Was Not the Real St. Louis Banker. Says Ghosts Are "Working" Her Lord.
- Presbyterians to Raise \$100,000 to Local Work.
- News of the City Churches. Young People's Societies. Weather Bulletin.
- Editorial.
- Washington Avenue Real Estate Deals. Meriwether Begins Election Contest. Eastern Floods Cut Down Business.
- Republic Want Advertisements. Records of Birth, Marriages and Deaths.
- Republic Want Advertisements.
- Bullish Markets, Especially for Wheat. July Corn Reached Forty-six Cents. Live Stock and Cotton Markets.
- Financial News. River News.
- Reports on Streets and Sewers. Harmony in Police Relief Association. St. Louis Cigar Dealers Alarmed. Hyatt Looks for Unsettled Weather.